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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Thank you for your note about "Man Revised," and for the xerox of your column on the present state of the cyclamates. We are delighted with what you have to say in it, and will probably excerpt it in our next column. In the January issue - now being printed - we have detailed the events that have occurred since the ban was unofficially lifted from all cyclamate-containing products except soft drinks. Because it will not be in print for about three weeks, I'm taking the liberty of enclosing a proof.

Dr. Dubos is either totally without humor, or he really did feel that our proposal (though purely literary) to suggest ways in which man might be improved was shocking.

It is particularly heartening that you write in "Pretesting Chemical Additives," "'Do not intentionally eat, or cause others to eat, suspected carcinogens until they are proved otherwise.'" We get some furious letters (mostly from people in the food-additive business) accusing us of writing daily-press type sensationalism when we print information in our columns which point to this conclusion.

Our most sincere appreciation for the work you are doing in several very important areas, and our thanks for helping to keep us informed.

Sincerely,

*Margery Barnett*

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